



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Rain and snow were seen in eastern parts of the state, bringing some relief to the dry conditions. Southern areas of the state experienced dry and breezy conditions, while producers continued fieldwork in preparation for irrigation season. Overall, mountain snowpack is 78 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	29	49	1
Last Week	29	30	40	1
Last Year	10	44	46	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	39	44	17	0
Last Week	48	40	12	0
Last Year	14	38	48	0

Small Grains: Eight percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured this week, slightly above the five-year average of 7 percent. While Colorado continues to experience cold temperatures and below average precipitation, crop condition is rated mostly fair to very poor. Spring barley was 15 percent seeded by the end of the week, behind the 5-year average of 20 percent. Spring wheat was 9 percent seeded by week's end compared to 14 percent on average with 1 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Onion growers made good planting progress, with 21 percent of the crop planted by week's end, only slightly below the five year average of 26 percent. Producers have yet to make any measurable progress in planting sugarbeets and summer potatoes.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 31, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	24	18	46	12	0
Last Year	4	17	39	37	3

Pasture and Range: Across the state, pasture and range feed conditions improved slightly, but remain rated mostly very poor to poor. Current conditions were rated 51 percent poor compared to 15 percent at this time in 2012.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 31, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	51	28	19	2	0
Prev. Year - 2012	15	28	44	13	0
5-Year Avg.	9	26	38	26	1

Livestock: Calving and lambing rates are average with sixty percent of cows having calved since January 1st, while 47 percent of the ewes lambed. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

Spring 2013 Calving and Lambing

	2013	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	60	63
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	47	51

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending March 31, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	8	7	2	7
Jointed	-	N/A	11	4
Spring Barley				
Seeded	15	5	32	20
Emerged	1	N/A	22	7
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	9	7	28	14
Emerged	1	N/A	8	3
Dry Onions				
Planted	21	7	28	26
Sugarbeets				
Planted	-	N/A	8	5
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	-	N/A	9	2

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	3	8	42	46	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.